

PLAN REVISION OF MERIT BADGE TESTS

New System for Scouts of Entire Country to Be Modeled on That of Washington.

Steps to improve the system under which Boy Scouts of the entire country undergo merit badge tests will be taken as a result of the meeting here of the national council of Boy Scouts. E. S. Martin, scout commissioner of Washington, is to have charge of the work of revising present requirements, and will model the new system upon that already in vogue here. Scoutmaster L. G. Priest, who has been intimately associated with the work of revising the system of examinations here, will assist Mr. Martin.

The standard required of Boy Scouts in passing merit badge tests has been left to the local council of honor under the supervision of the national council. In Washington the institution of a merit badge faculty, composed of experts in different departments of the Government service, which had charge of the examinations under the supervision of the Scout Commissioner and a committee from the Scoutmaster's Club, has produced better results. It is said, than have been obtained in any other council.

Hereafter, in addition to being required to pass severe tests for merit badges, the boys will get instruction in the various subjects, if they desire it, and they will receive suggestions for reading in connection with their studies.

New Troop Organized And Exhibition Is Given

Nearly one hundred Boy Scouts from Washington organizations took part in the greeting to members of Troop 5, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, at the parish hall Saturday night.

Sixteen members of the new troop received congratulations from Scout Commissioner Martin and numerous scoutmasters, eleven new scouts received badges from the hands of the commissioner, and Scoutmaster Hixson was presented with his certificate of authority over the troop.

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"Midget" Mainhall, of Troop 47, one of the smallest Boy Scouts in the District. Young Mainhall is just about Old Enough to Join, Having Celebrated his Twelfth Birthday January 22. Although so small, he is only four feet six inches high, he is enthusiastic and expects to become a full fledged Scout shortly. In his Tenacious Test, Recently, He Passed Practically "Perfect" and Attracted a Good Deal of Attention.

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DISTINGUISHED AS SCOUTS



A Group of Boy Scouts Taking Tests for Merit Badges in Cycling. Left to Right—Greene Smallwood, of Troop 32; Charles Thurtell, of Troop 32; George Sherif, of Troop 30; Fred Livermore and Clean Throckmorton, of Troop 47.

Boy Scout Letters

To the Scout Editor:
At the regular meeting on Friday evening James L. Kidwell took charge of Troop 24 as regular scoutmaster. Five new boys were added to our troop and received their pins. The new certificates were given to the boys.

Assistant Scoutmaster Bernard T. Diederich has invited the band to practice in his workshop. The trustees of the Baptist church have offered the use of their Sunday school room for the regular Scout meetings.

Both of these invitations were gladly accepted, and the rooms will be used until we can build our clubhouse, which we hope to do soon.

The tenderfoot scouts are now looking forward to becoming second class Scouts. The boys are working hard. Dr. Edward E. Richardson preached a splendid sermon on the twelve points of the Scout law on Boy Scout Sunday. The church call was sounded by the troop bugle at 11 o'clock. The boys were in full uniform, with white gloves. We recently had an entertainment at the Washington Girls' Home, which was greatly enjoyed.

EDWARD RICHARDSON,
Scout Scribe, Troop 24.

To the Scout Editor:
There has been no cessation of activity in our troop on account of the bad weather. On the contrary, the boys have taken advantage of the day when the sun shined and have been out on their tracks. Tracks of various animals were found in the snow, especially during our hike Sunday, when the snow was fresh.

Golden Smith is one of the recent acquisitions to our troop. He is familiar with wireless and has manufactured a wireless outfit, with which he receives the time and the weather reports regularly sent out from the Arlington wireless station. He is in the second year at high school.

Our scoutmaster, Mr. Marshall is to be one of the speakers at the next meeting of the Scoutmaster's Club, when he will talk on "The Short Hike." Troop 8 has had a great deal of experience in this sort of work, so Mr. Marshall is especially well fitted to talk on this subject.

Very truly yours,
SCOUT SCRIBE, TROOP 48.

To the Scout Editor:
Now is the time to prepare to study the birds and all sorts of animals, according to Scoutmaster George H. Ash. The boys are making preparations to do a good deal of work along this line. It is expected that some of the scouts will start a museum, which will be kept specimens of all sorts of things the boys find in their outings.

It is a little early in the season to do very much now, but our scoutmaster tells us that before long we shall be very active, so we are getting ready to do the bird study and to watch the little animals come out of their burrows for spring activity. It is a good time to get ready to do the bird study and to watch the little animals come out of their burrows for spring activity. It is a good time to get ready to do the bird study and to watch the little animals come out of their burrows for spring activity.

Our semi-monthly hikes are full of interest now and the scouts find time for a good deal of study, not only of birds, trees and animals, but of hiking, tracking, signaling and the like.

Very truly yours,
SCOUT SCRIBE, TROOP 1.

To the Scout Editor:
Last Sunday morning several boys gathered at the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Potomac to hear the Rev. Dr. Haggerty deliver a sermon on the Boy Scout law. The boys present were R. Harris, Trevis Jones, I. Fitcher, Patrol Leaders S. Moore and J. S. Patterson, and Assistant Patrol Leaders C. Moore and R. Enslin.

Dr. Haggerty said that although the scouts were not organized in times long ago, the following would surely have been leaders among them: Abraham Lincoln, King Arthur, St. Paul, and King David. He said he had seen a calendar with one of the scout laws set aside for each month of the year. He said he would not be surprised if he could find the scout laws should be put into practice every day of every month.

The West Knapsack, the smallest boy in the troop, has passed the tenderfoot examination and is now studying for second class work. Many of the boys have been out on their hikes, tracking, signaling and the like.

Very truly yours,
SCOUT SCRIBE, Troop 33.

To the Scout Editor:
I, Leslie Simpson, first class scout, formerly of Troop 37, at Somerset, has been admitted to Troop 6.

Scoutmaster C. N. Pilkins, of Troop 6, will be in charge of the Washington Scouts at the Alexandria Washington's Birthday celebration.

Maxwell Greenfield, of Troop 31, who has passed his first-class tests, has filed application for two merit badges.

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News of Troops.

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HEADQUARTERS MAY HAVE DRILL HALL

Washington Memorial Building Probably Will Be Used By Boy Scout Council.

Washington Boy Scouts may have permanent headquarters in the new Washington Memorial building, if suggestions now being considered by scout officials here are carried out.

Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, president of the George Washington Memorial Association, has presented to the local Boy Scout Council, a scheme whereby the boys may have headquarters both drill hall and meeting rooms in the new memorial which it is proposed to erect here. The Government has already donated the land at Sixth and D streets, on the site of the old Pennsylvania railroad station, and a large portion of the money required for the erection of the building has already been raised.

The proposition of Mrs. Dimock has been considered by the national council, and will be taken up by the Scoutmaster's Club, at the next meeting to be held March 2, when further details of the proposition will be given out.

If the scheme is carried out, Washington Boy Scouts will have the finest headquarters in the country. It is declared, with ample room to hold meetings and carry out mass drills.

Scoutmasters to Discuss Problems of Short Hikes

"The Short Hike," the object of the hike, where to go, what to do, and other problems in connection with it, will be the subject of "symposium" at the next meeting of the Scoutmaster's Club, at the New Willard, Monday evening, March 2. The meeting will be called to order at 7:45 by President Vernon Bailey, of the Biological Survey, and will be preceded by a meeting of the executive committee and a short business meeting.

The speakers will be Scoutmaster C. N. Pilkins, Troop 48; William Marshall, Troop 48; Karl W. Woodward, Troop 25; H. L. Bowles, Troop 3; J. L. Kidwell, Troop 24; and Scoutmaster E. L. Maschmeyer, Troop 41, and J. H. Dellinger, Troop 52.

Troop 39 Wins Fast Game of Basketball

The basketball team of Troop 39 is proud of having beaten the team from Troop 41 in a hotly contested game, to the tune of 17 to 11. During the first half of the game the teams were evenly matched, but in the last ten minutes of play the Troop 39 boys walked all around their opponents and scored almost at will.

The game was played in the parish hall of St. Andrew's Church, the headquarters of Troop 41. Those who played were: Troop 39—Edward Winkler, Orville Walsh, Noble Simmon, Radford Brown, Roger Gessford, and Edwin McIntyre. Troop 41—James Carr, Otto Sauer, Fred Livermore, Harold Hirsch, and Terrell Henderson.

Many Boys to Observe Washington's Birthday

More than one hundred Washington scouts will assist at the celebration of Washington's Birthday at Alexandria tomorrow. The boys will leave here on the steamer St. John at 12:30 o'clock.

Scoutmaster C. N. Pilkins, of Troop 42, will be in charge of the Washington Scouts, and scoutmasters of other troops will report to him. The troops which have notified Scoutmaster Martin that they will attend are Troop 41, C. N. Pilkins, scoutmaster; Troop 39, Vernon Bailey, scoutmaster; Troop 35, E. L. Maschmeyer, scoutmaster; Troop 45, H. L. Taylor, scoutmaster; Troop 47, H. L. Taylor, scoutmaster.

Scouts Will Be Ushers.

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